Chavara—Sasthamcotta Road.

416. *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR (*Karunagapally* cum *Kartikapally*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Chavara-Sasthamcotta Road in the Karunagapally taluk is in a cartable condition now;

(*b*) the amount allotted for the maintenance of that road in 1114; and

(*c*) the amount spent up-to-date for maintaining that road in 1114?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR (*Deputy Chief Engineer*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Rs. 1,413.

(*c*) The booked expenditure to end of Mithunam 1114 is Rs. 1,178.

Village roads in the Karunagapally taluk.

417. *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state the total length (in miles) of village roads in the Karunagapally taluk andthe sum of money allotted for their maintenance in 1113 and 1114?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR: The statement showing the information is as follows:

Road	Length in miles.		Allotment.	
	1113	1114	1113	1114
			Rs.	Rs.
Village roads in the Karunagapally taluk	40½	38½	501	447

Village roads in Kartikapally taluk.

418. *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total amount of money allotted for the maintenance of village roads in the Kartikapally taluk for 1114;

(*b*) whether the maintenance grant for each road is spent on that particular road;

(*c*) whether a sufficiently good portion of the total allotment (for the maintenance of the village roads) for that taluk is utilised for the maintenance of any particular village road in that taluk; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (c) is in the affirmative, the circumstances which necessitated such an expenditure?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR (*a*) Rs. 270.

(*b*) Not the whole always.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The allotment for each road being small and as no substantial repairs could be done to it with the sanctioned amount, the village roads are taken for improvement by turns in the order of importance utilising portions of the allotments for similar roads.

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MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDHANAN NAIR: May I ask why the allotments for the maintenance of the roads were not fully utilised?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR: The allotment of Rs. 270 has been utilised; but, as is explained in the answer, the whole of the allotment for each individual road might not have been spent entirely on that road.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: With reference to part (*d*), may I know why sufficient allotments were not made for the maintenance of roads, at least after it was found that the allotments made were not sufficient?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR: The question of giving more allotment for individual roads is being placed before Government from time to time when it is found that the allotment made is not sufficient.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: Which is the particular road referred to in part (*c*) of the answer.

PRESIDENT: That is a general question, and a general answer has been given.

Dhanapadickal Canal.

419. *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total amount of the maintenance grant for the Dhanapadickal Canal, Karthigapally taluk for 1114;

(*b*) what portion of the allotment has been spent up to 21-11-1114; and

(*c*) whether only a portion of the Canal has been deepened this year?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR (*a*) Rs. 1,000.

(*b*) About Rs. 600.

(*c*) Yes.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDHANAN NAIR: May I know why only a portion of the canal was deepened this year?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR: Out of the allotment of Rs. 1,000, those portions the deepening of which was absolutely necessary was only under taken.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDHANAN NAIR: May I ask whether the portions not deepened are as deep as the portions deepened?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR: Some portions are sufficiently deep; other portions are shallow and require frequent deepening, and it is such portions that have been attended to.

Income of the Transport Department.

420. *MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the monthly net income of the Transport Department?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI (*Secretary to Government*): Approximately Rs. 10,000 on an average.

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